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What ho Carole.

The jolly gypsy of Vietnam rides again. and I must admit it was about time. It's now about 2:00 in the morning here and I'm on radio watch in a bunker in Quang Tri. As of a week ago they started pulling all of us short timers back to the rear so we would be here to get all our paper work done before we go home. Also, back here we have a better chance of staying in one piece our last days in country than we would out in the boonies somewhere. A point which, I doubt, our fearless leaders took into account but I'm not going to argue with them.

Boy was I glad to be moving again. In the last two years the wonderful green machine has kept me pretty much on the move. In fact the longest I've spent in anyone spot during that time is about 2 months. Anyway I seem to have gotten use to it because if I stay in anyone place too long I start getting restless, and ~~anxious~~^{nervous} and after almost

four months on that last relay I was becoming a real nut case. Anywho I'm now back in the rear and after seven months out away from everything I can hardly believe this place. Get this, they have got television down here. Man when I wandered into one of the hootches and saw a T.V. set I went positively spastic. Not only that but I am now working in an air conditioned bunker. If gods this place is almost civilized. They complain down here because every once in a while the water in the showers isn't hot. And here I am, after going over a month without a shower a couple of times so stunned by so much running water I just stare at it. You wouldn't believe how giddy I got a couple of times.

Oh yeah, today is my 1st anniversary. Exactly 1 year ago today I came over to this miserable piece of real estate and in about 20 more days I should be getting out of here. It's really amazing how time flies when your having fun.

So if Jack is headed over here huh? Well if he isn't gone yet give him a little advice

from a Viet vet. Don't get off the boat!
If he follows that little bit of wisdom he should
have no problems.

Well that just about brings things up
to date. I should be going in the ~~next~~ 20
to 25 days and when I get to El Toro
I should be getting out of the Corps. (Oh be
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ward bound for my poor abused body and
mind. Suddenly I think I know how
the slaves felt about the Emancipation Proclaim-
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Like late.

Larry

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[[image- a printed-on map of southeast Asia
Featuring Vietnam, Laos, Thailand, and
Cambodia, with Vietnam highlighted and
the location of the U.S. Seventh Fleet identified.]]

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